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SUBJECT: MAY 21: DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE CUBAN PEOPLE -
ACTIVITIES IN CHILE

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¶1. (U) In response to reftel A request, Embassy Santiago conducted the following activities to promote Cuba Solidarity Day:

-- Post recorded a radio interview on 5/20 with international affairs commentator Libardo Buitrago and Cuban dissident Julio Cesar Montes. The Embassy-produced "Dimension Internacional" radio program is being disseminated to more than 100 radio stations throughout Chile and can be heard on the Embassy web site on May ¶23.

-- Disseminated a Cuba Solidarity Day information packet and webliography (including op-ed from Cuban dissident Jorge Olivera) to Chilean university international affairs departments, think tanks, political parties, journalists and editors, and congressional contacts.

-- Posted the President's 5/21 Cuba Solidarity Day remarks on Embassy web site. Embassy had previously posted lead-up information about Solidarity Day on web site.

-- Sent the 5/21 President's remarks to 300 media contacts.

-- Posted A/S Shannon's FPC discussion on Cuba on Embassy web site.

-- On a separate Embassy-produced radio news program, "Panorama," excerpts of President Bush's remarks about Cuba will air May 24-25 on radio stations throughout Chile. (PA used feed from Spanish-language, VOA program).

-- Embassy officials raised Cuba and Solidarity Day with Chilean officials at the Foreign Ministry.

¶2. (U) Santiago's leading daily, "El Mercurio," gave front-page coverage on May 22 to President Bush's remarks and initiative to permit the sending of cellular phones to Cuba.

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